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Amendment Under Rule 116

Claim Amendments:

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28. (cancelled) A collapsible shipping container comprising:

- (a) a base frame having opposite first and second sides each having a length and height;
- (b) a first side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said first side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and secured to said base frame extending substantially the length and height of the first side;
- (c) a second side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said second side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and secured to said base frame extending substantially the length and height of the second side;
- (d) a flexible cover; whereby said flexible cover is the front, upper, and rear surfaces of the container when it is secured to said first and second side panels and whereby said flexible cover can be removed from said side panels and compacted for storage; and
- (e) a plurality of crossbars, said crossbars including means for selectively engaging said first and second side panels when they are in their unfolded use position.

29. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, further including a front bracket and a rear bracket with means for attaching to said base frame and with means for mounting a bicycle frame into a fixed position to said base frame.

30. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, further including at least one tensioner comprising a flexible material attached to said first and second side panels with means for attachment to fixed points of said collapsible shipping container.

31. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, further including at least one caster secured to said base frame.

32. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, wherein said first side panel includes means for attachment to said first side of said base frame, said first side panel comprising a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

33. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, wherein said second side panel includes means for attachment to said second side of said base frame, said second side panel comprising a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

34. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, wherein said base frame is a bicycle trailer.

35. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, wherein said bicycle trailer has a spoked wheel.

36. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 28, wherein said spoked wheel is replaceable with a smaller non-spoked wheel.

37. (previously presented) A collapsible shipping container in combination with a bicycle trailer of the type having a frame with opposite first and second sides, a floor defining a compartment having a height and length, and a larger wheel which can be replaced with a smaller wheel during shipping, said container comprising:

- (a) a first side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said first panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and with means to be secured extending substantially the length and height of the first side of the bicycle trailer;
- (b) a second side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said second panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and with means to be secured extending substantially the length and height of the second side of the bicycle trailer;
- (c) a cover securable between said first and second side panels; and
- (d) a front and rear bracket with means for attaching to said bicycle trailer and with means for mounting a bicycle frame into a fixed position to said bicycle trailer, whereby the bicycle can be disassembled and packed inside of the collapsible shipping container, and the bicycle can be reassembled and the collapsible shipping container can be connected to the rear end of the bicycle and used for carrying travel gear.

38. (previously presented) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 37, further including a plurality of tensioners comprising of a flexible material attached to said first and second side panels with means for attaching to fixed points of said collapsible shipping container.

39. (previously presented) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 37, further including a plurality of casters secured to said base frame.

40. (previously presented) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 37, wherein said cover is a flexible cover with a plurality of crossbars, said crossbars including means for selectively engaging said first and second side panels when they are in their unfolded use position; whereby said flexible cover is the front, upper, and rear surfaces of the container when it is secured to said first and second side panels and whereby said flexible cover can be removed from said side panels and compacted for storage.

41. (previously presented) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 37, wherein said first side panel includes means for attachment to said first side of said base frame, said first side panel comprising of a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

42. (previously presented) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 37, wherein said second side panel includes means for attaching to said second side of said base frame, said second side panel comprising of a top front panel, a bottom front

panel, a top-rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

43. (cancelled) A collapsible shipping container attachable to a bicycle trailer of the type having a frame with opposite first and second sides, a floor defining a compartment having a height and length, and a larger wheel which can be replaced with a smaller wheel during shipping, said container comprising:

- (a) a first side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said first panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and with means to be secured extending substantially the length and height of the first side of the bicycle trailer;
- (b) a second side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said second panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and with means to be secured extending substantially the length and height of the second side of the bicycle trailer;
- (c) a cover securable between said first and second side panels; and
- (d) a front and rear bracket with means for attaching to said bicycle trailer and with means for mounting a bicycle frame into a fixed position to said bicycle trailer, whereby the bicycle can be disassembled and packed inside of the collapsible shipping container, and the bicycle can be reassembled and the collapsible shipping container can be connected to the rear end of the bicycle and used for carrying travel gear.

44. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 43, further including a plurality of tensioners comprising of a flexible material attached to said

first and second side panels with means for attaching to fixed points of said collapsible shipping container.

45. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 43, further including a plurality of casters secured to said base frame.

46. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 43, wherein said cover is a flexible cover with a plurality of crossbars, said crossbars including means for selectively engaging said first and second side panels when they are in their unfolded use position; whereby said flexible cover is the front, upper, and rear surfaces of the container when it is secured to said first and second side panels and whereby said flexible cover can be removed from said side panels and compacted for storage.

47. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 43, wherein said first side panel includes means for attachment to said first side of said base frame, said first side panel comprising of a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

48. (cancelled) The collapsible shipping container as set forth in claim 43, wherein said second side panel includes means for attaching to said second side of said base frame, said second side panel comprising of a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top-rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom

rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other.

49. (amended) A collapsible shipping container in combination with a bicycle trailer of the type having a frame with opposite first and second sides, a floor defining a compartment having a height and length, and a spoked wheel which can be replaced with a smaller non-spoked wheel, said container comprising:

- (a) a first side panel comprising a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other so said first side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and secured extending substantially the length and height of the first side;
- (b) a second side panel comprising a top front panel, a bottom front panel, a top rear panel and a bottom rear panel, said top front panel and said bottom front panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom front panel and said bottom rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, said bottom rear panel and said top rear panel being hingedly joined to each other, and said top rear panel and said top front panel being hingedly joined to each other so said second side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and secured extending substantially the length and height of the second side;
- (c) a flexible cover securable between said first and second side panels with a plurality of crossbars, said crossbars including means for selectively engaging said first and second side panels when they are in their unfolded use position;

whereby said flexible cover is the front, upper, and rear surfaces of the container when it is secured to said first and second side panels and whereby said flexible cover can be removed from said side panels and compacted for storage;

- (d) a front and rear bracket with means for attaching to said bicycle trailer and with means for mounting a bicycle frame into a fixed position to said bicycle trailer, whereby the bicycle can be disassembled and packed inside of the collapsible shipping container, and the bicycle can be reassembled and the collapsible shipping container can be connected to the rear end of the bicycle and used for carrying travel gear;
- (e) a plurality of tensioners comprising of a flexible material attached to said first and second side panels with means for attaching to fixed points of said collapsible shipping container; and
- (f) a plurality of casters secured to said base frame.

50. (cancelled) A collapsible shipping container comprising:

- (a) a base frame having opposite first and second sides each having a length and height; wherein said base frame is a collapsible frame, having a mounting body with an extendable arm, swing arms, and side walls defining the sides of said base frame, hinge means disposed in said extendable arm, swing arms and side walls to effect a substantially complete collapse of said base frame.
- (b) a first side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said first side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a use position and secured to said base frame extending substantially the length and height of the first side;
- (c) a second side panel comprised of a plurality of sub-panels hingedly joined so said second side panel may be folded to a collapsed position or unfolded to a

use position and secured to said base frame extending substantially the length and height of the second side; and

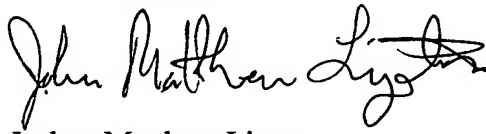
- (d) a cover securable between said first and second side panels.

51. (new) A set of front and rear brackets for use with a bicycle trailer for the purpose of attachment of a bicycle frame in a position suitable for shipment of said bicycle frame together with said bicycle trailer, said bicycle trailer of the type having a frame with opposite first and second sides, a floor defining a compartment having a height and length, a trailer fork connected pivotally to the front of said compartment, said trailer fork of the type containing two arms extending forwardly from said compartment with means for attachment to the two exterior, opposite sides of the rear end of said bicycle frame, said set of front and rear brackets comprising:

- (a) a front bracket comprised of a first structure extending between said two arms of said trailer fork, said first structure further containing two opposite ends each with means for attachment to said two arms of said trailer fork, said front bracket further containing a first tubular cross member attached to said first structure, said first tubular cross member containing means for attachment to the two front dropouts of the bicycle fork of said bicycle frame by fastening means, said front bracket further containing means for adjusting the position of said first tubular cross member in relation to said trailer fork, whereby said first tubular cross member can be attached to a variety of sizes and configurations of said bicycle fork; and
- (b) a rear bracket comprised of a second structure containing means for attachment to the rearward area of said bicycle trailer, further containing a second tubular cross member attached to said second structure, said second tubular cross member containing means for attachment to the two rear dropouts of said bicycle frame by fastening means, said rear bracket further containing means for adjusting the position of said second tubular cross

member in relation to said bicycle trailer, whereby said second tubular cross member can be attached to a variety of sizes and configurations of said bicycle frame.

Very Respectfully,

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